GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:40
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2000
SIMPLIFICATION OF VISA NORMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to simplify/liberalise visa norms to boost the inflow of foreign tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (L.K.ADVANI)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 40 to be answered on 21.11.2000.

(a) to (c): Government of India already has a liberal policy regarding grant of tourist visa. Powers have been delegated to all Indian Missions abroad to grant tourist visa. Foreign tourists in groups of four or more arriving without visa by air or sea, are also granted landing permits at the port of arrival, upto a period of 60 days, subject to the following conditions:

(i) Tour is sponsored by a recognised Indian travel agency and with a pre-drawn itinerary;

(ii) written request is made to the immigration officer giving full personal and passport details of the members;

(iii) the travel agency undertakes to conduct the tour as per the itinerary and gives an assurance that no individual would be allowed to drop out of the group.